Protection of Game.

340. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state when the work of protecting game was started under the control of a separate officer and the amount spent therefor till now?

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI: The work was started under the control of a separate officer from Vrischigom 1109. The amount spent therefor till the end of Edavom 1115 is Rs. 56,935-6-14.

Minerals prospecting operations.

341. *MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the places where prospecting operations were carried on by Government during the years 1114 and 1115, with the names of minerals prospected for in each place;

(*b*) the period during which prospecting operations were carried on in each place;

(*c*) the quantity of each mineral obtained from each place;

(*d*) the quantity of each mineral sold and the amount realised thereby;

(*e*) the amount spent on account of the work in each place; and

(*f*) the name of the person (with designation and pay) who is in immediate charge of the work in each place?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS:

(a) Nedungolam and Wattakottai — Limestone.
Puliyarakkonam and Chengalloor — Graphite.
Kizhanguvilai and Nettayam — Mica

(b)

Nedungolam	...	6 Months.
Wattakottai	...	1 Month.
Puliyarakkonam	...	16 Months.
Chengalloor	...	6 ,,
Kizhanguvilai	...	15 ,,
Nettayam	...	7 ,,

(c) Nedungolam 59 ft. of core limestone.
Wattakottai 13 ft. of core limestone.
Puliyarakkonam and Chengalloor 25 tons of graphite.
Kizhanguvilai Mica Books, about 16,000 lbs.
Nettayam Mica Books, about 4,000 lbs.

(d)

Limestone and Mica	...	Nil.
Graphite	...	25 cwts. Rs. 500.

(e)

Nedungolam and Wattakottai	...	Rs. 1642-10-12
Puliyarakkonam and Chengalloor	...	Rs. 9,447-17-12
Kizhanguvilai	...	Rs. 1,462-17-11
Nettayam	...	Rs. 2,307-11-9

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[Mr. C. Kumara Das.]

(f)	Nedungolam and Wattakkottai	... C. Johnstone, Mechanic Rs. 30.
	Puliyarakonam and Chengalloor	... E. K. Raghavan Pillai, Prospector, Rs. 40.
	Kizhanguvilai	... V. Subramoniam, Assistant Geologist, Rs. 80.
	Nettayam	... C. Johnstone, Mechanic, Rs. 30.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know from the member whether the people mentioned in Part (*f*) of the answer were supervising the work from day to day?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Except in the case of No. 1 namely, Mr. Johnstone who had to go to Vattakottai for some special urgent work, the others were supervising the work from day to day. During the absence of Mr. Johnstone the State Geologist was attending to that work.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: Is that the case with regard to the Geologist generally?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No, Sir.

Contract of prospecting operations.

342 * **MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any work in connection with the prospecting operations conducted by Government during the years 1114 and 1115 has been given on contract system;

(*b*) if so, the nature of the work so given in each place and the name of the contractor and the caste to which he belongs;

(*c*) whether tenders were invited for such works; and

(*d*) the amount so far paid to each contractor?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (a) Yes.

(b) 'Extending the working face of the prospecting shaft at Puliyarakkonam' is the only work done under the contract system. The contractor is Mr. Dasiah, who comes under the category of 'other Christian'.

(c) Yes.

(d) Rs. 3,391-1-15, is the amount paid to Mr. Dasiah.

Licences for Guns.

343 * **MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state the number of licences for keeping guns that have not been renewed for the current year in Kottayam District?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: 714.

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